

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising:  
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier; and  
~~a silver-containing material~~silver oxide in the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier,  
wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises from about 0.001 weight percent to about 50 weight percent of the ~~silver-containing material~~silver oxide, and  
the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is selected from the group consisting of creams, ointments, gels, lotions, pastes, and foams.
2. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises at least about 0.1 weight percent of the ~~silver-containing material~~silver oxide.
3. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises at least about 0.5 weight percent of the ~~silver-containing material~~silver oxide.
4. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises less than about 40 weight percent of the ~~silver-containing material~~silver oxide.

5. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises less than about 30 weight percent of the ~~silver-containing materials~~silver oxide.

6.-33. (Cancelled).

34. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises at least about 0.75 weight percent of the ~~silver-containing materials~~silver oxide.

35. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises at least about one weight percent of the ~~silver-containing materials~~silver oxide.

36. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises at least about two weight percent of the ~~silver-containing materials~~silver oxide.

37. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises at most about 10 weight percent of the ~~silver-containing materials~~silver oxide.

38. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises at most about five weight percent of the ~~silver-containing materials~~silver oxide.

39-58. (Cancelled).

59. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises from at least about 0.1 weight percent of the ~~silver-~~

~~containing material~~silver oxide to at most about 10 weight percent of the ~~silver-containing material~~silver oxide.

60. (Currently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises from at least about 0.1 weight percent of the silver-containing material to at most about five weight percent of the ~~silver-containing material~~silver oxide.
61. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a cream.
62. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is an ointment.
63. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a gel.
64. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a lotion.
65. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a paste.
66. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a foam.
67. (New) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising:  
a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier in the form of a cream or an ointment; and  
silver oxide in the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier,

wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises from about 0.001 weight percent to about five weight percent of the silver oxide.

68. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 67, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a cream.

69. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 67, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is an ointment.

70. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 67, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises at least 0.1 weight percent of the silver oxide.

71. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 70, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a cream.

72. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 70, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is an ointment.

73. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 67, wherein the pharmaceutical composition comprises at least 0.5 weight percent of the silver oxide.

74. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 73, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is a cream.

75. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 73, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier is an ointment.